

MCKEE, VOORHEES & SEASE, PLC
MCKEE VOORHEES & SEASE

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
FEB 23 2005

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

801 GRAND AVENUE • SUITE 3200 • DES MOINES, IA 50309-2721
PHONE: 515-288-3667 • FAX: 515-288-1338 • www.ipmvs.com

DATE: February 23 2005

TO: Art Unit 3643 - Mail Code AF

COMPANY: USPTO

PHONE:

FAX: 703-872-9306

FROM: KIRK M. HARTUNG

NUMBER OF PAGES (Including cover): 3

Please file the attached NOTICE OF APPEAL with THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME:

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SPARACINO, Gina M.

SERIAL NO: 10/723,000

FILED: November 26, 2003

FOR: AUXILIARY STIRRUP FOR SADDLE

Group Art Unit: 3643

Examiner: NGUYEN, Son T.

Attorney Docket No: P06359US00

THE DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET CONTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE LAW FIRM OF MCKEE, VOORHEES & SEASE WHICH MAY BE CONFIDENTIAL AND/OR LEGALLY PRIVILEGED. THE DOCUMENTS ARE INTENDED ONLY FOR THE PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL USE OF THE ADDRESSEE IDENTIFIED ABOVE. IF YOU ARE NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OR AN AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING THESE DOCUMENTS TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY REVIEW, DISCLOSURE, COPYING, DISTRIBUTION OR THE TAKING OF ANY ACTION IN RELIANCE ON THE CONTENTS OF THIS TRANSMITTED INFORMATION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS FACSIMILE IN ERROR, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THIS FIRM SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE FOR THE RETURN OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TO US. THANK YOU.

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
FEB 23 2005

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SPARACINO, Gina M.
 SERIAL NO: 10/723,000
 FILED: November 26, 2003
 FOR: AUXILIARY STIRRUP FOR SADDLE
 Group Art Unit: 3643
 Examiner: NGUYEN, Son T.
 Attorney Docket No: P06359US00

Commissioner for Patents
 Mail Code AF
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated August 31, 2004 rejecting the following claims: 1-18.

The items checked below are appropriate:

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$250.00 for this Notice of Appeal.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge three month extension fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084 in the amount of \$510.00.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 CFR 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

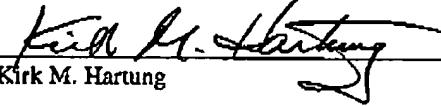
MAILING

deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: 2/23/05

FACSIMILE

transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3643, Mail Code AF at Fax No. (703) 872-9306.


Kirk M. Hartung

[X] The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment or to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



KIRK M. HARTUNG, Reg. No. 31,021
McKEE, VOORHEES & SEASE, P.L.C.
801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3200
Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2721
Phone No. (515) 288-3667
Fax No. (515) 288-1338
CUSTOMER NO: 22885

Attorneys of Record

- bja -